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Applicant(s): Anthony Robert THOMAS et al.  
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.